



Urban Waters Partnership Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2013 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

The Daniels Fund Building, 101 Monroe St. Denver, CO

Mission: The South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership collaborates across jurisdictions and disciplines to engage communities, and to protect and restore the South Platte River and Watershed.

Welcome and Introductions:

There were many new attendees, including Englewood, Jefferson County, Commerce City, Douglas County, Lakewood, Tri-County Health, and Zeppelin Development. Welcome to all of our new partners!

Acknowledging the large number of new participants in the room, Devon Buckels gave an overview of the Partnership, including mission and goals. (PowerPoint slides posted on Urban Waters Google Docs site)

Whole Group Exercise:

Each partner introduced themselves by name and organization, and answered the questions “Why are you here? What is the catalyst for regional collaboration?” Responses to this exercise are attached at the end of this meeting summary.

Presentations:

Presentations on CDC ATSDR Brownfields Grants and CDC Foundation Grants by Chris Poulet, CDC ATSDR. (Presentations available on Urban Waters Google Docs site)

- Small Brownfields grants are available through CDC.
- The CDC Foundation also offers separate grants, and to date has given out \$250 million in project funding. For information go to: www.CDCfoundation.org/insider

Devon and Chris spoke about the unique opportunity through the CDC Foundation for the Urban Waters Partnership to obtain funding for collaborative, public health-related projects. We are most interested in developing projects that are cross-jurisdictional with multiple partners. The CDC Foundation grants represent an unusual opportunity since the CDC is one of the federal partners supporting the Urban Waters initiative, and because the nature of the funding is flexible. We would like to forward several projects for consideration.

Work Session -- Brainstorming a potential cross-jurisdictional project(s) for CDC Foundation funding: (Stephanie Vuong with EPA’s facilitation network co-facilitator)

The group brainstormed ideas for projects that could be funded through the CDC Foundation, identifying general concept and potential partners. Ideas were posted and grouped into potential packages. Several Partners signed up for further conversations on some of the project ideas.

All ideas generated in today’s meeting will be posted on a shared site, a Google Docs or Drop Box, so Partners can access the list to add more detail to these ideas and/or add new ideas, and we’ll let you

know when that site is available. After allowing a couple of weeks for edits to the list, we'll create workgroups around the project ideas. Workgroups can meet with Devon and Chris P. to create project concepts to be submitted to the CDC Foundation for initial feedback and subsequent submittal for funding.

Work Group Updates:

Funding. (Marge Price) This group met May 9th. The group agreed environmental protection and water quality as key elements for the Partnership, but we need to include economic development and public/private partnerships as well. It was suggested that we invite new partners to be involved in the workgroup including those who know transit so we can draw on their expertise regarding development along transit corridors.

Geomapping. (Stacey Eriksen) The group has met once. Mapping is going well and a draft tool will be available to look over in the next month. Partners will be asked to give feedback on the tool including missing/incorrect information, and to add new project information. We are planning to schedule two webinars for the Partners in late July for a demo. Partners will be asked to sign commitments to update their information on the geomapping tool approximately quarterly. The tool includes geographic data, project data, organization and event/news information.

Systems Mapping. (Kaitlin Fischer) The group met once and is exploring the possibility of funding for a contractor. CDPHE may have funding of \$25,000 for this effort. If this happens it will be a fast-track project and partners will need to help out by responding to the contractor's requests quickly.

Water Quality and Data Gaps. (Don Moore) Jon Novick put together a survey document which was sent out to all of the UWPartners to complete (Partners were encouraged to complete the survey by Tuesday June 18th) The purpose of the survey is to find out what data is out there and what data we are missing. Once the responses are compiled we can look for data gaps.

Headwaters-Urban Connection. (Boyd Byelich) The group met once and felt that the systems mapping is important to identify partnership synergies and gaps. The group would like to share events and opportunities, and post this information somewhere. The group will coordinate with the Children's Forest Corridor project which is already established. This workgroup raised the idea of combining with the Education and Outreach Workgroup. It seems the Education and Outreach Workgroup came to the same conclusion separately and that this might work.

Education and Outreach Workgroup. (Donny Roush) This group may want to change its name to "Education and Engagement Workgroup." They met once to discuss activities. They would like to merge with the Headwaters-Urban Connection workgroup.

Devon asked the Workgroup leads to set another meeting before the next quarterly meeting of the South Platte Pilot in September 2013. Devon will set the next Funding group meeting. We will need a new lead for the Systems Mapping group in September (We will miss you Kaitlin!)

Partner Highlights -- Presentations were made by two of our Partners:

Greenway PURE Trash Campaign – David Howlett and Marge Price

“Trash Reduction Efforts Status Update, Segment 14 of the South Platte River.” Presentation is located on the Urban Waters Google Docs site.

Jefferson Conservation District – Kaitlin Fischer and Brian Devine

Presentation is located on the Urban Waters Google Docs site.

Partner Updates:

The EPA South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership website went live on June 4th ! Partners are encouraged to visit the site at <http://www.urbanwaters.gov/splatte/index.html>

The Urban Waters Partnership and its coordinator, Devon Buckels, were highlighted in an article written for the Colorado Water Journal and currently posted on the Colorado State Forest Service website. Partners, especially our new partners, are encouraged to take a look.

Next Steps

The next meeting date is **September 25th, 2013** in the headwaters area. The meeting will be hosted by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP.) Including travel time, the event will take the better part of the day but we hope everyone will be able to join us since we have plenty of lead time. The day will start at the Deckers Conference Center, and then we'll visit some CUSP projects while we learn about forest health, source water protection, and other headwaters area issues.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm

Attachments: Responses to Group Exercise, Attendance list

Responses to Group Exercise Questions:
Why are you here?
What is the catalyst for regional collaboration?

- Sharing of good information
- Sharing common interests to find solutions
- Meet others with common interests
- Private developers also need to be active in our group & communicate to raise awareness
- Build relationships
- Cross-pollinate

- Expanding public / private partnerships
- Learn about partnerships
- Achieve more together
- Greater efficiency
- Spirit of cooperation
- We need to coordinate to reduce downstream impacts
- Regular, thorough, & honest communication
- Synergy
- Everything's interrelated, so we have to work together
- Mutual benefits

- People taking initiative & coming up with a plan
- Holistic / integrative approaches to work
- Conservation / stewardship
- To meet my organization's strategic plan goals
- Advance sustainability across the Front Range

- Non-point source, water quality, surface water protection issues
- Common water quality interests and solutions
- Source water protection

- Leveraging resources / sharing / collaborating (not competitive)
- We can achieve more together
- Enhance individual work
- Do more with less money & w/out conflict
- Due to the bad economy, we have less funding
- Reduce / eliminate duplication of efforts
- Hate waste – need to use resources better / do things more efficiently
- Identifying watershed gaps / where we can do more
- Success breeds success – up/down the South Platte
- Funding opportunities Relationship building / finding common threads
- Understand lessons learned to make our \$\$ go as far as possible

- Educational opportunities / learn / grow
- Educating others on our efforts
- Get the word out about our great work

**ATTENDANCE – URBAN WATERS PARTNERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 5, 2013**

Affiliation	Organization	Contact Name	Title
NGOS	Trust for Public Lands	Emily Patterson	Project Manager
	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership	Katie Lampe	
	Westerly Connection & CO Watershed Assembly	Brian Hyde	
	Bluff Lake Nature Center	Chris Story	Site Manager
	Greenway Foundation, Capitol Representatives	Marge Price	Principal
	Greenway Foundation, Capitol Representatives	David Howlett	Principal
	Greenway Foundation	Jolon Clark	Associate Director
	Groundwork Denver	Rachel Hansgen	Program Manager
	Coalition for the Upper S Platte	Amy Kennedy	Communications Coordinator
	Colorado Watershed Assembly	Casey Davenhill	Executive Director
	Colorado Watershed Assembly	Erika Shioya	River Watch-Colorado Watershed Assembly
	Earth Force	Donny Roush	Program Manager
	GP RED	Jessica Osborne	Initiatives Director
	WalkDenver	James Shaffer	
Business	Artifex	Steve Blake	Engineering Consultant
	Zeppelin Development	Mickey Zeppelin	
	Zeppelin Development	Kyle Zeppelin	
University	Colorado State University (Phd candidate)	Margaret Herzog	CSU Dissertation Student / BCWA Coord.
	Colorado State Forest Service	Keith Wood	Community Forestry Program Manager
Local Govt	Adams County	Adrienne Dorsey	Sustainability Coordinator
	Jefferson County	Jeanie Rossillon	Director of Development and Transportation
	Jefferson County Public Health	Jim Rada	Environmental Health Services Division Director
	City and County of Denver, Department of Environmental Health	Dave Wilmoth	Brownfields
	City and County of Denver, Department of Environmental Health	Alan Polonsky	
	City and County of Denver, Department of Environmental Health	Gene Hook	
	City and County of Denver, Office of Economic Development	Michael Miera	Community Development Rep (Brownfields)
	City and County of Denver, Parks & Recreation	Mark Bernstein	Downtown Area Planner
	City and County of Denver, Parks	Mike Bouchard	Landscape Architect

Affiliation	Organization	Contact Name	Title
	City and County of Denver, Public Works	Sarah Anderson	
	Denver Health	Mark Anderson	Pediatrician
	Littleton / Englewood Wastewater	Dennis Stowe	Manager
	City of Englewood	Stewart Fonda	Director
	City of Englewood	John Voboril	Long Range Planner, Community Development
	City of Englewood	Chris Neubecker	Senior Planner, Community Development
	City of Aurora, Water Department	Melissa Toering	Water Program Support Specialist
	City of Commerce City	Traci Ferguson	Parks Planner
	Douglas County	Eric Nelson	Stormwater, Regulatory and Special Projects Program Manager
	Denver Water	Chris Carparelli	
	Tri County Health Department	Hope Dalton	Water Specialist
State Govt	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment	Tammy Allen	Project Coordinator
	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment	John Duggan	SWAP Work Group Leader
	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Boyd Byelich	District Conservationist, Longmont field office
	Jefferson Conservation District	Kaitlin Fischer	Americorps Volunteer
	Jefferson Conservation District	Don Moore	Board President
	Jefferson Conservation District	Brian Devine	Watershed Program Coordinator
Federal Govt	Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry	Chris Poulet	Environmental Health Scientist
	US Geological Survey	Tracy Yager	Hydrologist
	US Fish and Wildlife Service	David Lucas	Project Leader - RM Arsenal Nat Wildlife Refuge Complex
	US Forest Service Region 2, State and Private Forests	Claire Harper	Water Partnerships
	US Environmental Protection Agency, Watersheds, Brownfields	Stacey Eriksen	Urban Watershed Revitalization Coordinator
	US Environmental Protection Agency, Aquifer Protection	Darcy Campbell	Hydrogeologist